

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 242

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing memorials to the Space Shuttle Columbia on parcels of land in the State of Texas.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Columbia Space Shut-
5 tle Memorial Study Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **MEMORIAL.**—The term “memorial” means
 4 a memorial to the Space Shuttle Columbia the suit-
 5 ability and feasibility of the establishment of which
 6 is a subject of the study under section 3(a).

7 (2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
 8 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
 9 rector of the National Park Service.

10 **SEC. 3. STUDY OF SUITABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF ES-**
 11 **TABLISHING MEMORIALS TO THE SPACE**
 12 **SHUTTLE COLUMBIA.**

13 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 3 years after the
 14 date on which funds are made available to carry out this
 15 Act, the Secretary shall carry out a study to determine
 16 the suitability and feasibility of establishing, as units of
 17 the National Park System on land in the State of Texas
 18 described in subsection (b) (on which large debris from
 19 the Space Shuttle Columbia was recovered), memorials to
 20 the Space Shuttle Columbia.

21 (b) **DESCRIPTION OF LAND.**—The parcels of land re-
 22 ferred to in subsection (a) are—

23 (1) the parcel of land owned by the Fredonia
 24 Corporation, located at the southeast corner of the
 25 intersection of East Hospital Street and North Fre-
 26 donia Street, Nacogdoches, Texas;

1 (2) the parcel of land owned by Temple Inland
2 Inc., 10 acres of a 61-acre tract bounded by State
3 Highway 83 and Bayou Bend Road, Hemphill,
4 Texas;

5 (3) the parcel of land owned by the city of
6 Lufkin, Texas, located at City Hall Park, 301
7 Charlton Street, Lufkin, Texas; and

8 (4) the parcel of land owned by San Augustine
9 County, Texas, located at 1109 Oaklawn Street, San
10 Augustine, Texas.

11 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—In carrying out the study, the
12 Secretary shall assume that, if established after comple-
13 tion of the study, each memorial shall be administered by
14 the Secretary.

15 (d) ADDITIONAL SITES.—The Secretary may rec-
16 ommend to Congress additional sites in the State of Texas
17 relating to the Space Shuttle Columbia for establishment
18 as memorials to the Space Shuttle Columbia.

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
3 essary to carry out this Act.

Passed the Senate November 16, 2005.

Attest:

Secretary.

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